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INDIANAPOLIS
THURSDAY MORNING, NOV. 27, 1886.

Mr. West and the Journal.

The Journal of yesterday has an article
extending in reference to the former business
transactions of Mr. West, the late Democratic
candidate for Mayor, which we cannot allow to
pass unnoticed. Aside from the flimsy
excuse which the Journal brings forward for its
disparaging criticism upon the character of
a man who, as that paper distinctly acknowl-
edges, is "an intelligent, honorable, gener-
ous man," there are certain erroneous and il-
l-tempered remarks in reference to the "con-
ductors" of the Sentinel, which reflect no
credit upon their author.

The simple fact that Mr. West is "an in-
telligent, honorable, generous man," renders
him unsuitable; and the admission of this
fact by the Journal, in the broad and unquali-
fied terms in which it is made, is a confession
that its attack was a piece of sheer wanton-
ness, without a single circumstance to palli-
ate it. The attempt of the Journal to justify
itself on the ground that the Sentinel
"ignominiously and foolishly assailed the Repub-
lican candidate," is a pitiful ruse, of which
an "intelligent, honorable, generous man"
would scorn to avail himself. It is the plea
of the pick-pocket, who would justify him-
self for plundering his victim, because some
other "member of the profession" had estab-
lished a precedent. Whether the "ignorance
and foolishness" of the Sentinel is a suffi-
cient cover for the acknowledged wickedness
of the Journal, is a question, we think,
which expert casuists will find no difficulty
in settling. The misfortune of the Journal is
that it has turned "State's evidence" against
itself.

Whether the articles of the Sentinel, in re-
lation to Mr. Wallace betray the ignorance
and folly attributed to them by the Journal,
we leave for those to judge who are better ac-
quainted with Mr. Wallace than the writer of
this article. It is true that some of the
conductors of the Sentinel are comparative
strangers in the city; but to no one knows bet-
ter than the editor of the Journal that the
editorial corps of the Sentinel has been head-
ed, throughout the canvass, by a gentleman
who is one of the oldest residents of Indian-
apolis and one of the most experienced poli-
ticians in the State. That gentleman has made
his special business to speak through the
Sentinel upon such subjects, and in refer-
ence to such facts, as were not familiar to
those "conductors" of the Sentinel whose mis-
fortune it is to be "utter strangers in our
city." Those "conductors" have had the tact
and the discretion, as little disposed as the
Journal seems to be, to give them credit for it,
to abstain from making an exhibition of their
"ignorance and folly" by diving, at random,
into matters which they did not fully under-
stand. Hence when the Journal accuses them
of "ignorance and foolishly assailing" the
Republican candidate for Mayor, it goes off
on the wrong scent altogether. Like Beecher's
dog "Nabab," it is "barking at an empty
bowl."

The articles in reference to Mayor Wal-
lace, were from the pen of the gentleman to
whom we have referred, and whose thorough
acquaintance with the subject of his com-
ment we think the Journal will not under-
take to question. Taking all the circumstan-
ces together, our amiable cotemporary has not
added many inches to his stature, either by
his illiberal tirade against "conductors of the
Sentinel" who are "utter strangers in our
city."

PENNSYLVANIA.—The official returns of
the vote of Pennsylvania, as carefully revised
and corrected, show a majority for Mr. Buck-
man over all others of 1,105, as stated in
our paper a few days since. The opposi-
tion journal has asserted repeatedly that
Mr. Buckman is in a minority in every free
State in the Union. The figures show that
he has a clear majority and the opposition both
in his own State and in Indiana.

The editor of the New Orleans Crescent,
who made some awful big mistakes in his
political calculations, "acknowledges the corn,"
in the following good natured style. What a
city that deceived and defeated elec-
tor generally cannot exercise the philoso-
phy of him of the Crescent:

"We have a dim, indistinct, wandering
sort of an impression, that we said something
during the past canvass, to the effect that New
York was sure for Fillmore. If we did, we
were willing to accept any apology that
might be tendered. I would not anybody into
our own way of thinking, we are ready to ac-
cept their apology. And if anybody risked
their money on New York, we don't want to
hear any apologies or anything else of the
kind for it is a very simple matter to pay
up and let 'expressive silence' rule the hour."

INDIAN CORN.—The value of this cereal to
the country has never been appreciated. Re-
cent investigations and comparison show con-
clusively that it is of more value than any
other agricultural production, not excepting
cotton even, about which so much has been
said. The culture of corn has wonderfully
increased the last few years; its ratio of in-
crease being far greater than any other pro-
duct. From 1839 to 1880, as per census re-
turns, the increase was fifty-eight per cent.
Wool is the next highest, its increase being
five per cent.; cotton, twenty-four; oats twenty;
and wheat sixteen. This is a remarkable
result. The cotton crop has not increased
half so rapidly as the corn crop, and the claim
of the title of "king," is only in its influence
upon the commercial interests of the country.
The cotton crop of 1881 was 927,000,000 of
pounds, valued at \$112,000,000, while the
corn crop of 1880 was 592,000,000 of bush-
els, which can be estimated, is of far greater
value than the cotton crop.

OF our received a very able com-
munication from our correspondent "W," re-
viewing the history of the Democratic party,
and decanting on its present political position,
in the most statesmanlike manner. It is neces-
sarily, having such a scope, of great length,
and therefore, though the production of a mas-
ter hand, we are unwillingly compelled to
defer its publication. The views of no man
to the country are profounder or more philo-
sophical than those of our correspondent.

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